



IN REPLY
REFER TO:

United States Department of the Interior

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

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June 22, 1983

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Authorized by: SC

Date: 6/25/83

Dear Ron:

Please excuse my tardiness in responding to your June 2 inquiry about the borehole reclamation program for the Jackpile-Paguete mining leases.

Enclosed is a copy of Anaconda Minerals Company's March 10, 1982, status report on the borehole reclamation program. About one fourth of all boreholes drilled on the leases have been covered or filled by natural weathering or have been plugged by Anaconda. Anaconda estimates, and I generally agree, that the majority of the remaining boreholes have been obliterated by mining activities. If you have any questions about the status report, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Prior to the borehole reclamation program, Anaconda informally agreed to search for open boreholes that were drilled outside the current lease boundaries under the original prospecting permit. Using drilling records, Anaconda searched several old exploration areas, including the Sandy Mine that was mentioned by Mr. Tim Anaya. No open boreholes were found, and it was concluded that all of the original boreholes have been covered or filled by natural weathering. If the Pueblo of Laguna knows of any open boreholes outside the lease boundaries, I would appreciate knowing of their locations so that inspections can be made.

Sincerely yours,


Dale C. Jones
Supervisory Mining Engineer

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